to the assurance given by the Union Government on 31st March, 1984 so far as the State of Karnataka is concerned; and

(c) whether the Government will distribute power to Karnataka State as per assurance given to the State Government on 31st March, 1984?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The Government of Karnataka has requested the Central Government for reconsideration of the allocation of power from the Kalpakkam Atomic Power Station, so that a higher allocation is made to Karnataka.

(b) and (c) In his letter dated 31st March, 1984, to the Chief Minister, Karnataka, the Union Minister of Energy had, *inter alia,* stated that the power generated by Kalpakkam Station will be supplied to all the beneficiaries States of Southern region. Power generated at Kalpakkam has been distributed amongst all the States in the Southern region namely, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala, and the Union Territory of Pondicherry.

Job Classification in IOC

2780. *SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK*: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state·

(a) whether the job classification according to the grades of pay have been done in the Indian Oil Corporation Marketing Division (Northern Region) (LPG) Division in New Delhi, if not, the reasons thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some daily wage Clerks of Marketing Division Northern Region, New Delhi have been authorised by the IOC to sign priority slips and other important documents even though they are non-supervisory and not even regular employees and if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to transfer the staff of LPG Division after every one year to stop there monopoly and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. IOC do not have daily wages clerks/officers in their Northern Region. The priority slips/letters are signed by the authorised officers of IOC's LPG Department whose signatures have been circulated to distributors All important documents are signed by authorised officers. Those officers who sign the priority slips are also not authorised to sanction priority connections.

(c) Transfers are ordered as per IOC's laid down policy and there is no separate transfer policy for employees working in the LPG Department of the IOC.

Rules for paying royalty

2781. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rules for paying royalty to the States where natural gas and petroleum is found;

(b) whether it is a fact that Gujarat Government have paid royalty on natural gas extracted from the oil fields in that State; if so, at what rate and how much was paid in 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85; and

(c) what are the reasons for not paying royalty to Maharashtra Government even though the gas is found in Bombay High and the near about area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) to (c) The Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959 provide that a leasee shall.

(i) where the lease has been granted by the Central Government, pay to that Government;

(ii) where the lease has been granted by the State Government, pay to that Government;

a royalty at sixty-one rupees with effect from 1-4-1981 per metric tonne of crude oil and casing-head condensate and at ten percent of the value at well-head of natural gas obtained by the leassee;

State Government of Gujarat have not paid any royalty on natural gas extracted from its oilfields.

No royalty is payable to Maharashtra State in view of the rules quoted above.

Replacement of Diesel generation in Arunachal Pradesh

2782. SHRIMATI OMEM MOYONG DEORI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what expenditure has been incurred during each of the last three financial years on the purchase and transport of diesel oil for electricity generation in Aunachal Pradesh and what revenue has been obtained to the Union Territory of Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) what steps are being taken to replace generation of power by micro-hydel schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The expenditure incurred during the last three financial years on the purchase and transport of diesel oil for electricity generation in Arunachal Pradesh and the revenue earned thereon is indicated below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Cost of diesel	Cost of transportation of diesel	Revenue from diesel generation
1982-83	25·84	2·58	7·11
1983-84	37·10	3·71	9·94
1984-85	40·82	4·082	11·29

(b) A number of mini/micro hydel schemes are already in operation and under construction. Proposal for setting up new mini hydel stations and augmenting the capacity of existing mini hydel stations are also being considered.

Refund of CD fund of Coal Mines Workers

2783. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount deposited to the Compulsory Deposit Fund by the workers in coal mines, were not refunded to them as was done in the case of workers in other industries as per Government decision and instead it was deposited to the coal mines provident fund account which bears lesser rate of interest, if so what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that colliery workers who were affected by floods were given refund but same privilege was not accorded to those who are affected by drought;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Coalfield Labour Union of Jazarobagh area has submitted a memorandum to the Government for refund of the C.D. Fund particularly to the workers who are affected by drought, too; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken so far, if not, why not?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) It is a fact that the amount kept in the Compulsory Deposit Fund of the workers in coal mines has not been refunded to them because as per